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# IN THE THIRD COURT OF APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS

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WALLACE L. HALL, JR., IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A REGENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM,

APPELLANT,

V.

WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHANCELLOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM,

APPELLEE.

ON APPEAL FROM CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-15-002473
IN THE 53RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
THE HONORABLE SCOTT JENKINS

### APPELLANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT ON ORAL ARGUMENT

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In their opening briefs, Appellant Hall requested oral argument and Appellee McRaven stated that argument was unnecessary, although he would like to participate if the Court grants it.

In his January 11 Unopposed Motion for Expedited Consideration, Hall flagged that his term as regent ends on February 1, 2017. If the appellate process, including any Supreme Court appeal, does not conclude before then, McRaven will inevitably claim mootness, which could "defeat the public interest in having the legality of the challenged conduct settled." *Coti Matthews v. Kountze Indep. Sch. Dist.*, No. 14-0453, 2016 Tex. LEXIS 95, at \*3, 59 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 299 (Tex. Jan. 29, 2016).

In hopes of averting this potential problem, Hall perfected this appeal on the day the judgment was signed, and he filed both briefs well ahead of their due date. So the last thing Hall wants is for his oral-argument request to delay the Court's decision. While Hall remains ready to present argument if and when the Court wishes to hear it, if (1) Hall's request will delay submission of the case until next Fall and (2) the Court agrees with McRaven that argument is unnecessary, then Hall conditionally withdraws his request for oral argument.

## Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Hall's Supplemental Statement on Oral Argument has been served upon the following counsel via the Court's CM/ECF electronic system and by electronic mail on the 10th day of May 2016.

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